

(1) Temporarily withhold or suspend payments pending your correction of the deficiency or pending other enforcement by EPA;

(2) Disallow all or part of the cost of the activity or action not in compliance;

(3) Wholly or partly terminate the fellowship agreement in accordance with § 46.210(a);

(4) Withhold the award of additional funds under the fellowship; or

(5) Take other remedies that may be legally available.

(b) In taking an enforcement action, EPA will provide you an opportunity for hearing, appeal, or other administrative proceeding to which you are entitled under any statute or regulation applicable to the action involved, including § 46.220.

(c) The enforcement remedies identified in this section, including withholding of payment and termination, do not preclude debarment and suspension action under Executive Orders 12549 and 12689 and EPA's implementing regulations (2 CFR part 1532).

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§ 46.220 Disputes.

(a) If you and the EPA award official or project officer have a disagreement, you should make reasonable efforts to resolve it at that level.

(b) If you cannot reach agreement, an EPA disputes decision official will provide a written final decision. The EPA disputes decision official is the individual designated by the award official to resolve disputes concerning assistance agreements. The dispute procedures outlined at 40 CFR part 31, subpart F, will apply.

Subpart E—After the Fellowship

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§ 46.225 Equipment.

(a) If EPA authorizes you to purchase equipment (see § 46.140(b)) and the equipment retains a fair market value of more than \$5,000, you must request disposition instructions from the EPA

project officer when you no longer need it for the work under the fellowship.

(b) If you purchase an item with an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or less, the item belongs to you.

§ 46.230 Closeout procedures.

(a) You must submit the "EPA Fellowship Completion of Studies Notice" (EPA Form 5770-9) signed by your sponsor or department head of the educational institution when the project period ends. In certain instances, e.g., your program of study is at an EPA facility, the EPA project officer may sign as sponsor on the Completion of Studies Notice. You may request an extension to submit the form if you need it.

(b) You must retain all records related to your fellowship agreement for three years after the completion date you insert on the "Completion of Studies Notice" (EPA Form 5770-9).

(c) EPA, the Inspector General, Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, has the right of timely and unrestricted access to your documents, papers, or other records related to your fellowship, in order to make audits, examinations, excerpts, transcripts and copies of such documents. The rights of access in this paragraph are not limited to the required retention period, but shall last as long as records are retained.

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